

Public Notice

Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program

February 2011

Proposed Agreed Order and Cleanup Action

Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, Renton

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes an Agreed Order and Cleanup Action at the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, in Renton, Washington. The Agreed Order requires Boeing to clean up the contaminated soil and groundwater at the Boeing Renton facility. This notice describes the proposal and seeks your comments.

Comments on the proposed documents will be accepted through March 9, 2011. After reviewing the public comments, Ecology will make a final decision.

Site Location and Background

The Boeing Commercial Airplane Group – Renton Plant is located at 8th and Logan Avenue North, Renton, Washington (See Map of Site). This facility produces 737 model commercial aircraft. Airplanes have been manufactured at this facility since 1941.

Hazardous waste management activities at the facility, including contaminated soil and groundwater cleanup action, are regulated under the:

- Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA);
- Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC); and
- Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) (Chapter 173-340 WAC).

In August 2001, The Boeing Company completed the remedial investigation. This investigation showed that soils and groundwater beneath the facility, and/or surface water near the facility were contaminated. This contamination came from several different locations at the facility, mainly from tank leaks and spills. The Boeing Company proposes the cleanup of this contamination under the proposed Agreed Order (No. 8191).

Public Comment

Please read and comment on these documents related to the proposal:

- Agreed Order No. 8191
- Cleanup Action Plan
- Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study reports
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance

View these documents Monday –
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

At the King County Renton Library
100 Mill Avenue South
Renton WA 98055
425-226-6043

Or by appointment, Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office (425-649-7190, see address below).

You can view them online, at
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

Comment Period

February 7 through March 9, 2011

**Comments must be postmarked
by 5:00 p.m. March 9, 2011**

Send comments to:

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Bellevue, WA 98008-5452
E-mail Address: bmae461@ecy.wa.gov

Or hand-deliver them between
8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to the address above.

For more information, contact Byung Maeng, at (425) 649-7253

Agreed Order (No. 8191): The Agreed Order requires Boeing to clean up the contaminated soil and groundwater at the Boeing Renton facility. This Agreed Order includes a Public Participation Plan, Environmental Restrictive Covenant, and a List of Reports documenting releases at the Boeing Renton facility, as attachments.

Cleanup Action Plan: The Cleanup Action Plan is based on the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. The Cleanup Action Plan describes the proposed cleanup actions and the work to be performed at the site. The proposed cleanup action alternatives include soil vapor extraction, enhanced bioremediation, monitored attenuation, source area excavation, and institutional control.

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study: The purpose of the Remedial Investigation is to characterize the environmental conditions such that the Feasibility Study can develop potential cleanup alternatives for the site.

State Environmental Policy Act Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance: The purpose of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist is to identify and evaluate whether there are probable significant adverse environmental impacts of the cleanup proposals. Ecology believes that this proposed cleanup action will not have any environmental impact and thus environmental review is not necessary for this proposed action.

Public Hearing Possible

Ecology will conduct a public hearing if ten or more people request one. To request a hearing, or to request special accommodation for the hearing if one is held, contact Byung Maeng by phone, letter, or email by March 9, 2011. To find out if a public hearing will be held and/or its date and location, contact Byung Maeng after March 9, 2011.

Ecology's Procedures for Reaching a Final Decision

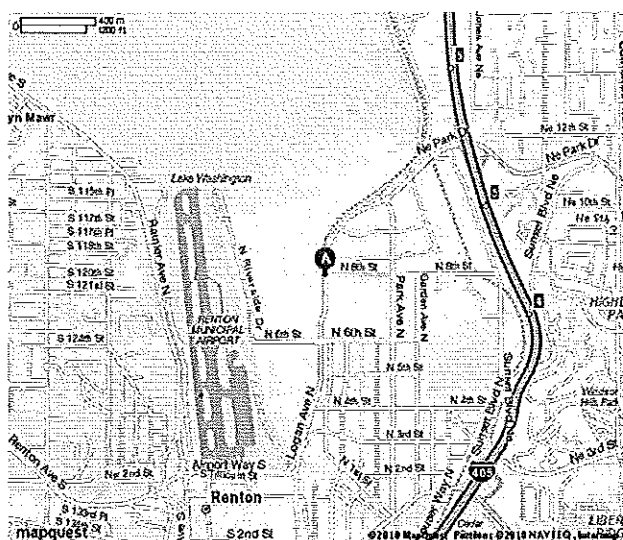
Once the public comment period ends and all comments have been reviewed, Ecology will consider and respond to written comments submitted. Ecology will then recommend suggested changes to the proposed Agreed Order, Cleanup Action Plan and other proposed documents. If no significant changes are made, the documents will be considered final. If significant changes are made, an additional public comment period will be held.

Regulatory requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act for the public review process are in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-600. For more information, see <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340>.

Effective date of decision

The effective date of Ecology's decision will be the date on Ecology's letter approving the proposed Agreed Order.

Map of Site



Glossary of Terms Used

Agreed Order – A legal agreement between Ecology and a potentially liable person to conduct work toward a cleanup.

Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) – A written decision by the responsible official of the lead agency that a proposal is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) – Legislation passed by citizens of the state of Washington through an initiative in 1988. Its purpose is to identify, investigate, and clean up facilities where hazardous substances have been released. It defines the role of Ecology and encourages public involvement in the decision-making process.

Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) – Remedial actions to collect, develop, and evaluate information regarding a site to determine a cleanup action.

RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (US): Regulations governing the safe management and disposal of hazardous wastes.

SEPA – State Environmental Policy Act: A state policy that requires state and local agencies to consider the likely environmental consequences of a proposal before approving or denying the proposal.

To ask about available formats for the visually impaired please call the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at 360-407-6700. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.



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